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"Wintor 1904 / Spring 1905"

4 July 1965

1965A

ALLIED COUNTER-ATTACK STOPPED DEAD BY RUSSIAN DEFENSES IN LIVONIA

In "Winter 1904" the following establishments and removals were ordered:

ENGLAND: Establishes A Edi. HUSSIA: Removes A Gel, F Rup. GERMANY: Establishes A Bor. A Kic. TURKEY: Establishes F Sey.

All players were informed of these noves, and a deadline of 3 July was set. The "Spring 1905" noves are:

ENGLAND: B Bar S A St.P; A St.P & F Bot S GERMAN A Kic-Liv; F Don-North Son; A Edi-Norway; F Norwogian Son C A Edi-Norway; A Wal holds.

FRANCE: A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tyr; F Bre-Mid; F Gos-Spa; A Par-Bur; A Tun holds.

GEIMANY: A KICLLY; F Bal C A Kickly, A Por C A Mun: A Mun & A Tyr;
A Tyr B Trailan F Adr-Ven.

ITALY: No moves received.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: No moves received.

HUSSIA: A Bud-Vie; A Boh S A Bud-Vie; Flav S A Sil-Pru; A Sil-Pru; A Mos & A War S Fliv.

TURKEY: A Tri S RUSSIAN A Bud-Vie; F Ion-Nap; A Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Tyr S F Ion-Nap; F Alb-Adr; F Smy-Acc.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian army in Vienna and the Italian fleet in Naples are dislodged and, since no moves were recived for those countries, annihilated. The Italian army in Tuscany and fleet in the Adriatic remain in their present positions. Austria-Hungary, for which Paul Harloy has made no moves since "Spring 1902", is thus completely giped out, ending permanently the participation in postal Diplomacy of this totally unreliable spoilsport.

The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is Saturday 17 July 1965. Players are asked, if possible, to submit conditional establishments or removals for their "Winter 1905" moves.

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Have you played an interesting Diplomecy game over the board lately? Sond in the moves, and they will be published in GRAUSTARK.

Now postal Diplomacy games are in process of organization. See p. 7 for details.

l. The rules of across-the-board Diplomacy will be followed as far as is precipitable.

2. The Geneshaster shall set such entry foe as he may consider practicable. The Geneshaster undertakes to publish a nove-by-move account of the game at stated regular intervals, and to mail this bulleting to the players by first-class air mail or surface mail, whichever will reach the individual player more quickly. A player's subscription shall last as leng as does the game in which he is enrolled, but a player who has lost all his supply centers need not be mailed the bulletin by air mail.

3, All correspondence relating to the game, among players or between players and the cameraster, ought to be by air mail where a saving of time is effected thereby.

4. The Garicsmaster shall announce a deadline date for entries. Upon this date, or upon such carlier date as he shall receive a full slate of entries for the game, he shall assign by lot one country to each players. (But by agreement among the Gariesmaster and the players, players may be allowed to pick their ewn countries for a game.) He shall then publish an issue of his bulletin for the game, labelled "Winter 1900", informing the players which country each of them will play, and giving the name, address, and country of each of the other players.

5. Three wocks will be alotted to the players for the first ("Spring 1901") nove, and two weeks for each subsequent nove. The Gamesmaster shall set deadlines, by

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which time all players' moved must be received by him-

6. The Genesmaster shall compare the moves sent to him, and determine which are valid and which are invalid under the rules of Diplomacy. Decisions of the Genesmaster are final for the game in which they are made. The decision of the Genesmaster shall be final unless a milechas been specifically violated. In such a case, the game shall be set back to the last move prior to the error, and resumed from there. The Genesmaster shall be responsible for his own failings, but not for those of the players or the post office.

Moves may be made by telephone, provided that the player so moving sonds a confirmatory letter which must be received by the Games-

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8. If any retreats are occasioned by the "Spring" moves, and
more than one alternative exists, the Comesmaster at his discretion may # 196
coither ask the player who must retreat to send his retreat to the Comesmaster by immedi-

ato return air mail or by telephone, and must then send it on to the other players by one of these means; OR he may ask players to send in "Fall" neves conditional upon the

various possibilities of retreat open to the retreating player.

occasioned by "Fall" noves, or he may publish a "Winter" issue of the bulletin to give retreats along with new establishments and removals. Players may send in conditional establishments, removals, and retreats if they so desire, and "Winter" establishments or removals may be made conditional by "Fall" retreats. At his discretion the Gamesmaster may, instead of publishing a "Winter" issue, inform all players in writing of the retreats, establishments, and removals, and set a deadline for the next "Spring" moves. The two weeks alotted for moves may be extended if the Genesmaster feels it necessary in view of such correspondence between himself and the players.

10. A player who does not send in his move during the required period creates

a situation in which civil government has collapsed in his country. (See p. 6 of the Diplomacy rulebook.) Such collapse will last only during the neve or noves in which this player does not participate, and does not affect his right to make subsequent moves. If a player has not sept in a "Spring" or "Fall" move, any of his units which are dislodged are annihilated. If he fails to send in a retreat, the unit which would have retreated is annihilated instead. If he fails teasend in an establishment, he may establish no new units until the next "Winter". If he fails to send in a removal, his units are removed by the Gameamaster in accordance with the Diplomacy rulebook.

11. The Gomosmaster reserves the right to publish. "Winter" issues of the bulletin ahoad of the deadline if all retreats, establishments, and removals have been sent to him. If only one alternative is open on a retreat, "Spring" or "Fall", the

Genosmaster may make that move for the player.

12. Players may make alliances among themselves. If allies submit moves in the same envelope, these moves must be signed by all allies. This does not prejudice the right of any ally to send in a different set of neves on his own. In the event that ene player submits mere than one set of moves, the set with the latest postmark will apply. It is advised that in such circumstances the player indicate to the Camesnaster that his provious noves be ignered in favor of the enclosed ones.

. 13. A playor who sends to the Comesmaster neves purporting to come from another player, without onclosing that other player's signed assent, shall be surmarily dropped from all postal Diplomey games in which he is engaged. However, players may make use of such deceptions in contacts among thouselves, in accordance with immembrial international tradition. (E. g., Ens., 1870.) In short, players may practice decoptions among themselves but not with the Genesmaster.

· 14. VAREANT: Toom Diplomacy. See GRAUSTARK #54, p. 5, for rules.

EXAMPLES.

I. Italy and Austria-Hungary make a fermal alliance in "Spring 1901". The Genesnaster receives the following neves in a single envelope:

ITALY: A Ron-Tue

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A Von-Pio

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Tri-Alb

A Vic-Bud

The nords are regard by both playors. One day later, the Genesmaster receives another letter from Italy alone, with the noves to the IMIX: F Nap-Ion right.

HULING: The moves submitted by the A Von-Tri allies would have been valid had there been no A Ron-Ven second communication from Italy. Howevery the

second letter, having the later postmark, will be taken as Italy's actual moves. Accordingly, the Italians occupy Triesto. 14 3 4 6 3

II. At the end of a "Spring" nove, the only retreat occasioned is that of a Russian fleet in Sweden, which may move either to Finland or to the Gulf of Bothnia. The Gamesnaster may follow whichever of those two alternatives seems best to him:

A. He may ask the Russian player by air mail whither he wishes to remove the floct. Upon receiving the reply "F Swe-Fin" he informs the other players by air mail, and sets a date for the "Fall" movos.

B. He may inform the other players in the "Spring" issue of the bulletin that they may send in alternative sets of noves, depending upon whother Russia orders the retreat "F Swe-Fin" or "F Swe-Bot". If Russia orders "F Swe-Fin", then only the moves conditional upon this retreat shall be published in the "Fall" bulletin.

III. At the ond of a "Fall" move, a Turkish army in Albania is forced by the Italians to retreat to either Triesto or Serbia. In that "Winter" Austria-Hungary may establish a new unit. This Austro-Hungarian "Winter" neve may be submitted in the following manner:

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ont . "If Turkoy retreats & Alb-Sor, then establish an army in Trieste. If Turkey retroats A Alb-Tri; then establish an army in Budapest."

IV. In Fall 1901, England orders the following moves:"A Edi-Norway; F Norwagian Sta C A Edi-Norway; F North Sca-Bol. If one supply center is taken, build F. Edi. If two supply centers are taken, build F Edi and F Lon."

RULING: This is porfectly correct. If all players submit their "Fall" noves in this fashion, particularly towards the beginnings and endings of games when the situation on the board is relatively simple, the play can be expedited considerably. A "Fall-Winter" issue of the bulletin may be published, and the next moves will be these of the following "Spring".

Warsaw, Prussia, and Holland, and floots in Bothnia and Livonia. No German moves are received in "Fall 1903", and England occupies the German supply center of Dermark. At the same time, A Russian attack disledges the German army in Warsaw. Germany is Loft in possession only of its home supply-contors, and Holland.

RULING: Since the German army in Warsaw is dislodged, and no German neves wore received, this army is annihilated.

· VI. After the situation described in Example V, no German renoval orders are

rocoived. RULING: Gormany has 5 units on the board, and only 4 supply contors. floot in Bothnia is furthest from home and is therefore removed by the Gameshaster.

ate the of the order of the ord JOHN SMYTHE, Apt. Wil, 818; Forrest Avenue, Evenston, Ille .: If you wish to print the usual condescending note by the victor here is my formula for victory. (Smythe just won postal Diplomacy game 1964B in FREDONIA.))

This swort outline of my very complicated formula, that is the result of two years research using three THM "brains", will perhaps be of interest to those who find that victory in Mail Game Diplomacy is an clusive goal. Those individuals whose elementary math is weak will be able to follow the discussion by using matrix algebra and/or vector analysis, etc. I hope that all would-be conquerors and the montally unbalanced will find some use for the following.

The formula can be broken into four parts. The first being, be sure to go to bed at a reasonable hour, for do not forgot; early to bod, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy (in supply centers), and wise (you know when to stab your "friends"). The math notation for the statement is:

$$dy/dx = (ax + by + cz)^{c^{2}} - (mx + b)$$
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Second, participate in the religion of your choice or non-choice and especially road the Bible for did not the authors say, "do unto others before they do unto you."

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Third do not beat your wife, for she night inform on you.

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{z} \tag{3}$$

Finally, wave the flag, for who can betray his country and sleep well. (I have adjusted the last part somewhat, for every once in a while you might have to play with an alten - or even worse, a Canadian.)

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So, if you use my highly successful system, here's to victory in Mail Game Diplomacy for you all. Light tall Lund,

NOTATION:

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c - log to the base 3

o - log to the base 3
a - refers to the country you did n to went to play

b - refors to the country you were suckered into playing

y - is your bost friend

z - is your ex-bost friend (he lost to you in the last game)

t - is the fudge factor

ADJUSTMENT FOR ALIENS:

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JOHN A. McCANIUM, "A" Qtrs., S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: As to your remarks ((in FREDONIA #28)) on the reason for Austria's victory ((in 1964B)) they are undoubtedly correct. However, I feel that Franco made 2 errors both of which played into Austria's hands. L. Early In the game when Castora's move ((as England)) failed to get through, France immediately called off its impending Mediterranean attack and fell on her former ally. I think it was a mistako. Had the anglo-French-German alliance hold together the western powers would, I think, have won. Had there been ne slip up on Castora's noves, a western victory would have meant an eventual English victory probably; but after that failure to build, it was all to France's advantage to continue the alliance. The west could still win and it is doubtful if England could ever have nade up for the lest move se that France would be the strengest power in the western camp. 2. As you mentioned in an earlier letter, during the last several years of play, when Austria became the dominant power in the game. Franco should have been supporting England and Germany and not attacking thom.

... France soons to have a peculiar effect on who-over plays it. As you state, in FREDONIA, France is co-operating with Austria when, by all reasonable expectations, ho-ought to be fighting Austria as the major power on the board. In Trantor ((1964D)) France (MacKenzio) seems suddenly to have just stopped playing; prior to deing so ho was the strongest player on the board. And France in Wild 'N' Wooly KM ((1965C)) has just held for the last three noves without taking any initiative at all.

CHARLES WELLS, Apt. M-1, 815 Domerius Street, Durham, North Carelina 27701: Your introduction of Tean Diplomacy has paralleled some thoughts I have had. I have often wondered just what an alliance whose partners could trust each other completely could do in a geno. Also, the fact that a Diplomacy game requires seven players and lasts for hours in person and a year or so by nail makes it hard for would be players to gain experience in the game.

My solution is two-man Diplomacy. Each player takes three countries and plays then as if he were a separate player for each country. The first player whose three countries gain a total of 23 supply conters wins. Such a game could be played in rerson with no Congspaster in a couple of hours. By mail it obviously requires a Comospacient but the whole thing could be more informal and much faster. It would probably be best to play the game out and then publish it, so that no mineographing or whatever is done during the course of the game - everyone corrunicates by means of carbons.

Such a game should last only a couple of months by mail.

I am so enthusiastic about this idea that I hereby offer to act as Geneshaster for any two players who wish to play, and to play anyone who can find a Canesnaster. As Canesmaster, I would inform the two players by letter of the results of each move and could publish the game upon its completion in the games magazine I plan to start this fall. The players could choose any combination of countries they wished, by nutual consent of course, or they could let no choose them by lot.

It is not necessary to play under the rules of six-handed Diplomacy. The seventh country could be allowed to remain on the beard as neutral supply centers, or its units could be allowed to simply held until climinated. 'Of course, to make the game fair, the seventh country should be located close to the countries of both partners. I em particularly interested in what would happen in a World War II type of game, with one player taking France, England, and Russia, and the other player Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy, with Turkey neutral — note that Turkey is about equally convenient to both Russia and Austria. What would be the allies strategy in such a case? Go all out against the Axis on the Western Front and let Russia take care of itself? Should the Axis try to fight a two-front war? Indeed, will it be forced to do so, as Germany was in both world wars?

I think it is important in this two-handed Diplomacy for the countries to be played separately. This is, for example, if the game is Allies vs. Axis and England and Russia each gain one unit, then the units must be built one in England and the other in Russia. And the moves are written for each country separately. ((This

is how (1) propose to conduct Team Diplomacy games.))

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Some may object that this cuts the heart out of Diplomacy -- i. e., there is also more Diplomacy. Well, that's true, And furthermore it's probably not as good a stationahanded game as chass because its tactics are simpler. But I think it has a use a languary -- it enables players to gain much more experience in tactics than otherwise. I have played in the East so much more player gots to know much more of the board. I have played in the East so much more in the area there by heart, but ask me to tell you from memory whether Helland borders on the Ruhr and I probably can't. Not only that, it should be fun, damnit.

NEW DIPLOMACY GAMES NOW OPEN

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A new postal Diplomacy game will shortly begin in GRAUSTARK. Openings are still available, at \$2.00 per entry. This will be a postal Diplomacy game of the usual sort, conducted according to the rules on p. 2. Play will begin as soon as a full board of players are enrolled.

In addition to this game, GRAUSTARK is taking registrations for a game of Toam Diplomacy. Toam Diplomacy is a variation of postal Diplomacy, whose rules are given in GRAUSTARK #54. An entry is \$3.00 for a team of three. In your entry, please specify who is to be the captain of the team.

All those games, the regular postal Diplomacy game and as many Team Diplo-

pagey games as people wish to play, will appear in GRAUSTARK.

PUBLISHER OF ORIGINAL "GRAUSTARK" DIES IT T

Edward H. Dodd, retired chairman of the board of Dodd, Mead & Co., died in Litchfield, Conn., on 20 June, one day after his 96th birthday. Dodd was a friend of Goorge Barr McCutcheon, for whose first novel Graustark he paid \$500. The novel was intensely popular, and went into several reprint editions. Unlike many contemporary publishers, Dodd, Mead & Co. voluntarily paid McCutcheon royalties on the reprints. McCutcheon set the action of the novel in a mythical Balkan kingdom of Graustark. This made the name a natural for a Diplomacy bulletin, and the tradition has been followed by other Diplomacy fanzines:

RURITANIA (Davo McDaniel, John Boardman): An imaginary kingdom created by Anthony Hopo for his novels The Prisoner of Zenda (1894) and Rupert of Hentzau (1898). FREDONIA (John Boardman): A European nation in a Marx Prothers film of the

1930's, Duck Soup.

Brobdingnag (Dick Schultz): The land of the giants in Swift's Gulliver's

Travels.

Trantor (John Smythe, John Koning): The capital of the Galactic Empire in Isaac Asimov's "Foundation" novels.

in Philip Joso Farner's "Father Carmody" stories.

Massif (John Koning): ???

Costaguana (Conrad von Metzke): The guano island in Ian Floring's <u>Doctor No???</u>

Norstrilia (Dan Aldorson): The planet "Old North Australia" from several

Cordwainer Smith stories, including "Mother Hitton's Littul Kittons",

FIRST TEAM DIPLOMACY GAME BEGINS

Two three-man teams have entered the first game of Team Diplomacy, which will be played according to the rules published in the previous issue of GRAUSTARK. The teams and their countries are:

THE SAN DIEGO KANGAROOS

THE SCARBOROUGH TORIES

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5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego
California 92114
ENGLAND: Stephen Carey

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TTALY: Robert Lake (Team Captain),
66 Colonial Avonue, Scarberough, Ontario
GERMANY: Derek Nelson, 18 Granard
Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario
RUSSIA: John Davoy, 55 Bellany Road,
Scarborough, Ontario

The game will be played according to the rules of six-handed Diplomacy: Turkey and Bulgaria are not part of the playing board. Fleets may move directly from the Black Sea to the Aegean Sea and vice verse. (That is, F Bla-Aeg or F-Aeg-Bla becomes a legal move.)

This game will be given the postal Diplomacy designation 1965JT; the "J" indicates that it is the tenth postal Diplomacy game to be begun in 1965, and the "T" means that it is a game of Team Diplomacy. Each set of allies determines upon its moves in consultation. Each ally signs his own moves, and the moves and press releases of each side are mailed in to the Gamesmaster by the side's captain. The Gamesmaster mails 3 cepies of each issue to each team captain. The first team to hold 23 supply centers at the end of a "Fall" move wins.

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves in 1965JT is SATURDAY 17 JULY 1965. At the discretion of the Genesmaster, and for the purpose of speeding along the game, the bulletin may be published at such earlier date as all moves are received.

Registrations for additional Team Diplomacy games, at \$3.00 per team of three, are solicited.

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Bornie Kling, whose address is given above, has just begun a new postal hiplomacy fanzine, <u>Lusitania</u>. For a game in <u>Lusitania</u> he charges only \$1.00; subscriptions are 4 issues for 60% or 8 for \$1.10.

John Koning has teken over from John Smytho the publication of Trantor, the bulletin of postal Diplomacy game 1964D.

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FRANCE: F Pro-Mid.

GERMANY: A Nor S F Swe; F Swe STA Norway; A Kio S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Kio; A Par S A Bur;

A Bur S A Par; A Liv S F Wal; F Wal S A Liv; F Eng S FRENCH F Bro; F Norwagian

Sea S A Norway.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A cal-Vie; A Cas-Bur; A Mar S A Cas-Bur; A Pio-Spa;

A Boh & A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Mun; F Spa-Gas; F Mid-Bre; F North

Atlantic-Norwegian Sca; F Lyo C A Pic-Spa; F Gro-Ion;

RUSSIA: A St.P-Norway; A Fin S A St.P-Norway; A Ber-Kio; A War-Gal;
A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gas-Bur; F Iri-Eng; F North AfricaMid; F Tun-North Africa-

The Austro-Hungarian fleet in the Tyrhhenian Sea was not ordered in either "Fall 1914" or "Spring, 1915", and therefore holds. The Russian armies in Livenia, Prussia, and Silosia are not ordered and therefore hold.

The German arry in Burgundy is dislodged, and ordered to retreat . to Picardy.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bur-Ruh; A Boh & A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; F Mid-Eng; F Gas-Bro; A Spa-Gas; A Mar S A Spa-Gas; A Vio-Tri; F North Atlantic S RUSSIAN F North Africa-Mid; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Tyr.

RUSSIA: A Mun-Kie; A Bor S A Mun-Kie; A Sil-Mun; A St.P-Mos; A Liy-St.P; A Fin-St.P; A Gol- Sil; F North Africa, Mid; F Tun-North Africa; F Iri S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Mid-Eng.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German fleet in the English Channel and the army in Kiel are dislodged and, since ne moves were received, annihilated. The remaining German units, and the Austro-Hungarian fleet in the Gulf of Lyon, held. In "Winter 1915", Aussia builds a fleet on the scath coast of St. Petersburg. No new German unit can be built, since Germany new helds none of its home supply centers.

The High Combatant Powers now control the fellowing supply centers:

FRANCE: Brest. (1)

GE-MANY: Belgium, Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Liverpool, London, Norway, Paris, Sweden.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapost, Bulgaria, Greece, Marseilles, Naples, Portugal, Rome, Spain,

Triceto, Scrbia, Venice, Vienna. (12)

AUSSIA: Ankara, Berlin, Constantineple, Kiel, Mescow, Munich, Rumania, St. Petersburg,

Sevastopol, Smyrna, Tunis, Warsaw. (12)